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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT: OXCART Phaseout: Accountability

REFERENCE: Subject: Same as above; (OXC-1140-67); Dated 28 August 1967

1. The following is an outline of actions taken to date, actions in progress, and future actions planned to accomplish the phaseout of the OXCART Program and to assure that the turnover of supplies, equipment, facilities, etc. is adequately covered.

a. Actions completed:

(1) Messages have been sent to all contractors outlining the operational concepts for FY 1967 and FY 1968. Included were ground rules regarding procurement of spares, curtailment of over-hauls, minimum requirements for engineering support, etc.

(2) A logistics plan covering all aspects of the Phaseout was published during April. Also during April, a briefing was held at Burbank outlining the complete logistics plan to all contractors and the Project Depot.

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(3) An inventory of supplies and equipment at [redacted] has been accomplished. Card-decks of these inventories have been forwarded to the Project Depot.

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(4) The Project Depot has published and distributed a phase-out check list to all interested parties; that is, all contractors, Project HQ's, SAC, and SR-71 Systems Project Office. This check list outlines in detail all property responsibility and accountability.

(5) Sample message formats containing a complete set of instructions to be followed by the contractors have been drafted and will be released by the Contract Management Division at the appropriate time.

(6) An in-house form has been developed for use by the technical monitors to list equipment to be stored, transferred to the U-2 Program or to other programs.

b. The following actions are in progress:

(1) A joint survey team representing Project HQ's, USAF, SAC, and the SR-71 Systems Project Office is at [redacted] to survey the assets and facilities and to determine which of the existing assets are to be retained at [redacted], which are to be stored with the A-12 Aircraft, and which are to be transferred to other programs.

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(2) A team of supply personnel from SAC traveled with the survey party and will remain at [redacted] as a forward element of SAC to accept initial assets transferred from the OXCART Program and to receive SR-71 equipment as it is shipped from the U.S.

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c. Future actions are planned as follows: 25X1A

(1) Upon return of the survey team from [redacted], the logistic plan will be revised as necessary to reflect the findings and recommendations of the team. Pertinent sections of the revised plan will be distributed to all contractors, to all concerned OSA field activities, and to the Project Depot, for their information and for planning purposes.

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(2) At the appropriate time instructions will be sent to the contractors and to the field activities which will direct implementation of the logistics plan, as augmented by the Project Depot check list, with reports to HQ's on progress of the transfer and phaseout.

2. The phase-out plan and implementation thereof is the primary responsibility of the Directorate of Materiel. The plan as it now exists is designed to comply with procedures established by the Air Force for terminating programs and accounting for property. It is the opinion of the Comptroller, the Contracting Office, and the Director of Materiel that actions taken or contemplated on the program will be adequate to assure production of proper and timely paper work to satisfy checks, balances, and audit requirements.

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